

Critical Program Information

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Critical Program Information (CPI) is program information, technologies, or systems that, if compromised, would degrade combat effectiveness, shorten the expected combat effective life of the system, or significantly alter program direction. This includes classified military information or Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) about such program information, technologies, or systems.

The identification of sensitive information and technologies, both classified and unclassified, shall be accomplished early in the development and acquisition process. The process shall include decisions on the protection of this information, as well as its transfer to foreign governments and foreign contractors in support of cooperative programs, multinational operations, foreign contracting, and foreign sales. This information shall be reassessed at each milestone decision point. See DoD Directive 5200.39 and DoD Directive 5230.11 for additional

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Definition and Key Questions

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- Research, science, technology, or program information, technologies, processes, applications, or end items that, if compromised, would: degrade system combat effectiveness; compromise the program or system capabilities; shorten the expected combat-effective life of the system; significantly alter program direction; or, require additional research, development, test, and evaluation resources to counter the impact of a CPI compromise. This includes classified military information or controlled unclassified information about such programs, research, technologies, processes, applications or end items. CPI may also be unclassified information restricted by statutes (e.g., export controlled data, intellectual property, trade secrets).

Key Questions

- Does your system use any technology in an area where the U.S. has a significant technological lead over the rest of the world?
 - What technologies would your contractor be concerned about his primary competitor gaining access to?
 - What information within your program is accessible only on a “need-to-know” basis?
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